

McCormick's Creek State Park

March Programs

Interpretive Center Winter Hours:

Thursday- Monday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Phone: 812-829-4344

Schedules on the web at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344.

****Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

Nature Center Renovation: New Nature Center exhibits are currently underway. The Nature Center display room will be closed for renovation. However, the Nature Center office, program room, and restrooms will remain open throughout the renovation so feel free to stop in!

Saturday, March 7th

2:00 p.m.

Fabulous Frogs: Nature Center. Frogs *are* fabulous! Come learn about our resident amphibians!



Sunday, March 8th

Daylight Savings Time starts today!

11:00 a.m.

Snakes of McCormick's Creek. Nature Center. As winter ends and our weather starts to warm, the snakes of McCormick's Creek will once again roam! Get in the spirit of spring and meet a black rat snake!

Saturday, March 14th

11:00 a.m.

Animal Architects. Nature Center. Animals build homes for the same reasons we do. Learn about these amazing architects and try a little building of your own!



1:00 p.m.

1800's Homestead Hike. Meet at the Nature Center. What would life have been like for some of McCormick's first families? Hike to the remnants of the Peden Family Homestead.

Sunday, March 15th

11:00 a.m.



First Signs of Spring Stroll. Meet at the Nature Center. Spring is just a few days away! What are some of the first signs of spring? Join a naturalist for a short stroll to celebrate the new season.

Saturday, March 21st

2:00 p.m.

Return of the Timberdoodles! Nature Center. Also known as woodcocks, these spring migrant game birds put on a dazzling courtship flight! Learn more about their life, habitat and unique behaviors.

***7:50 p.m.**

Woodcock Watch. Meet at Saddle Barn parking lot. Take a short walk to watch for the courtship flight of these amazing birds. Flashlight and jacket recommended. *Weather permitting.



Sunday, March 22nd

2:00 p.m.

Statehouse Quarry Hike **HP/HP: Meet at the Canyon Inn. Hike to the Statehouse Quarry to take a glimpse into the life of a quarryman!

Saturday, March 28th

11:00 a.m.

“Green” Spring Cleaning. Nature Center. It’s that time of the year again. Learn how to clean your home the “green” way. Take home a few recipes to try on your own.

2:30 p.m.

Vernal Pond 101: Meet at the Nature Center. Join a naturalist for a hike to a vernal pond..and learn just what a vernal pond is anyway!



Sunday, March 29th

11:00 a.m.

Reptiles of McCormick’s. Nature Center. What makes a reptile special? Learn what reptiles you may run into this spring here at the park!



Save the date!

April 17-19 Owen County Wildflower Weekend

Get outside while the wildflowers are at their peak in color and variety! Hikes, activities, speakers!

Don’t forget your camera!

Hikes feature the park and field trips to areas of special interest.

This event is co-sponsored by Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park and six partner agencies. The Friends are hosting a native plant sale on Saturday, April 18. A complete schedule is available at the Nature Center and will be posted on the DNR programs website:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>